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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(h), enclosed is a List of References Cited by Applicant listing twenty-four 24 references in chronological order for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of these references are enclosed, along with a copy of the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application, for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission pursuant to § 1.97(c), as an initial Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application has not been issued. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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